

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1559 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Workforce Investment Board, in collaboration with local workforce investment boards, to establish a California Youth at Work Program, for the purpose of providing summer job training and work experience opportunities for youth in the state. While I support such an effort, this bill is unnecessary and could prove burdensome if it conflicts with the summer youth work programs the local workforce development boards are already in the process of developing. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided funding specifically for a summer youth work program, which has already been distributed to the locals, and established specific criteria for the program. To the extent that this bill imposes additional requirements on the local workforce investment boards, it could hamper, rather than aid, in the development of effective programs.

For this reason, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger